

Westminster Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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Grand Theft- Semi Automatic Assault Type Rifle

Date of Crime: July 8, 2012, between 2:00-3:00 PM CASE: DR#12-06124

Suspect: Male White early 20's 5-8, 160 lbs, brown short straight hair (Photo Attached)

Location: **The Stockade** 8061 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA

Stolen Rifle: **Black FNH SCAR 16 semi-automatic .223 caliber assault rifle** with a black 16 inch barrel, black collapsable stock and EO Tech sights (Photo of similar rifle is attached)

Value: Approximately \$4,600

The Westminster Police Department is asking for assistance from the public in reference to identifying a suspect involved in the theft of an assault type rifle from the Stockade Gun Store in Westminster.

Westminster, CA: On July 14, 2012 an employee of the Stockade called WPD to report the theft of a FNH SCAR 16 semi-automatic assault type rifle. The employee had completed an inventory of its firearms and learned that the rifle was missing. They reviewed the store video footage and confirmed that it was stolen by the above described suspect on July 8, 2012.

WPD officers viewed the video and could see the suspect walking around in the store and he kept lingering near the rifle which was on display. When employees were distracted the suspect brazenly removed the rifle and concealed it down the front of his pants. He then simply walked out of the store.

WPD detectives immediately began investigating this case working with other law enforcement agencies in an attempt to identify this suspect and recover the rifle. This type of rifle was originally designed for the US Military and the semi-automatic model of this rifle is commercially sold at gun stores. Sergeant R Mize said "We really would like the publics help in identifying this guy. We are sure he can lead us to where the rifle is at. It's a powerful weapon and obviously we want to find it and get it off the street as soon as possible."

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The WPD is asking anyone who recognizes this suspect to contact the Westminster Police Department at (714) 898-3315 and/or Detective B Marlow at (714) 548-3741. Callers can remain anonymous. Anonymous tips can also be given to Orange County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-855-TIP-OCCS or by logging on to Crimestoppers.org

SUSPECT PHOTO



FNH SCAR 16 Rifle (Not original rifle/ Similar style)



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